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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MIYAKO OHKUBO, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: 10/537,915 :  
FILED: JUNE 8, 2005 :  
FOR: TAG PRIVACY PROTECTING :  
METHOD, TAG DEVICE,  
BACKEND DEVICE, UPDATING  
DEVICE, UPDATE REQUESTING  
DEVICE, PROGRAMS FOR THESE  
DEVICES, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM STORING THESE  
PROGRAMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 53 of this paper.